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FOR THOMAS S. HUGHES FROM AMBASSADOR

We have reviewed the recently published NIS General Survey on Syria. In our opinion the new NIS program centered on the one volume Survey, revised and re-issued at reasonable intervals of three years, is an improvement over the previous program. We believe the compact Survey will be more useful for general orientation purposes and still serve as a reference for source material.

From the aspect of substance, we believe that the value of the Survey would be enhanced if it contained a comprehensive chronology rather than the bare-bones listing of events now provided.

We believe that General Surveys for all the Eastern Arab countries and Israel would be of considerable usefulness to the Embassy and request that copies be made available as published.

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